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Attorney Hesse:

Please accept the proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust suit.

It has been four years since this case was first brought and I fail to see what we have gained. I strongly believe our government must consider the financial impact this case has had and the benefits our economy will gain if it is settled quickly.

This lawsuit has had a very damaging effect on the technology markets. It was not that long ago that we all looked forward to the continued growth of the "New Economy" that revolved around the computer industry. Unfortunately, the DOJ's antitrust suit can be closely associated with the downfall of the NASDAQ. We can never forget that when the courts announced that breaking up Microsoft was the correct path to take, all technology stocks dropped.

We have finally reached a point in this case that all parties have come together to negotiate a settlement. There can be no doubt that real compromises were made by Microsoft to put this case behind it. The best example of this is that Microsoft agreed to the establishment of an independent committee to monitor its actions.

Please accept this fair settlement.

Sincerely,

Ken Wingert